

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please note and consider the claims in the application as identified below, with currently amended claims comprising markings in the form of strikethrough for deletions and underlining for additions.

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1. (currently amended) An apparatus for use by a purchaser in performing wireless point-of-sale purchase transactions comprising:
- a microprocessor;
- a short range communications device ~~electrically coupled to the microprocessor for automatically receiving sales purchase information from and forwarding authorization information to a point-of-sale wireless vendor device for communicating with a point-of-sale wireless vendor device; and~~
- ~~a long range communications device electrically coupled to the microprocessor for initiating a request to an authorization processor and receiving a response from the authorization processor for authorization of a purchase; and~~
- an input device electrically coupled to the ~~microprocessor~~ short range communication device to allow the user to authorize a purchase transaction.
2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a display electrically coupled to the ~~microprocessor~~ short range communication device.

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3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a biometric input device electrically coupled to the ~~microprocessor~~ short range communication device.

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5. (currently amended) A system for use in a wireless purchasing environment, wherein an electronic receipt is generated by a purchaser device at a point-of-sale, the system comprising:

an authorization processor;

a ~~vendor-purchaser~~ device for exchanging purchase information with a vendor device using short range communication for short range transmission of information regarding inventory and pricing; and

a ~~purchaser-vendor~~ device for requesting information from the vendor device, for transmitting a request for authorization to the authorization processor, and for receiving authorization from the authorization processor.

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7. (previously amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the purchaser device is a wireless purchaser device.

8. (previously amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the purchaser device further comprises a bio-metric input device for user identification.

9. (currently amended) In a system that includes a purchaser device and an authorization processor, a method for performing wireless point-of-sale purchase transactions, the method comprising the steps for:

~~automatically receiving on a purchaser device an offer for purchase from a wireless vendor device an offer for purchase;~~

initiating a request, at ~~the said~~ purchaser device, for authorization of a purchase;

~~forwarding said request to said wireless vendor device;~~

transmitting, via said wireless vendor device, ~~the said request for authorization of said purchase to an authorization processor;~~

receiving ~~and processing~~ a response at the ~~purchaser wireless vendor device~~ from the authorization processor, wherein the response includes a denial if the purchase is not authorized by the authorization processor, and wherein the response includes an approval if the purchase is authorized by the authorization processor; and

transmitting the approval from ~~the said purchaser wireless vendor device to the said vendor purchaser device to complete the purchase.~~

10. (previously amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising at least one of the steps for:

(i) using a bio-metric input device to identify a user;

(ii) using a password to identify the user.

11. (previously amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the step for transmitting the approval includes the step for using a short range wireless transceiver.

12. (previously amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the step for transmitting the request includes the step for using a long range, wireless communications device.

13. (currently amended) In a system that includes a purchaser device, an authorization processor, and a vendor device, a method for performing a wireless point-of-sale purchase transaction, the method comprising the steps for:

automatically establishing a wireless communication between the vendor device and the purchaser device;

communicating a vendor identification and a purchase price for one or more items to the purchaser device via the wireless connection;

initiating a request at the purchaser-vendor device for authorization from the authorization processor to purchase the items;

receiving a denial at the purchaser-vendor device if said purchase is not authorized by the authorization processor; and

receiving an approval at the purchaser-vendor device from the authorization processor if the purchase is authorized by the authorization processor; and

~~forwarding transmitting~~ the approval from the ~~purchaser vendor~~ device to the
~~vendor purchaser~~ device for user approval of said purchase; and
forwarding from said purchaser device authorization of said purchase to said
vendor device.

14. (previously amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the step for initiating a request and the steps for receiving each utilize a long range communications device.

15. (previously amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the long range communications device is a wireless device.

16. (previously amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said long range communications device is integral to the purchaser device.

17. (previously amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the long range communications device is external to the purchaser device and selectively operated by a user of the purchaser device.

18. (previously amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the long range communications device includes a wireless phone.

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21. (currently added) The method of claim 13, wherein the step for initiating a request comprises the step for combining the vendor identification and the purchase price with information corresponding to a vendor purchaser account to create the request.

22. (previously added) The method of claim 13, wherein the step for receiving an approval further comprises the step for initiating a transfer of funds from the purchaser account to a vendor account for payment of the purchase.

23. (currently added) The method of claim 13, wherein the step for ~~automatically establishing~~ a wireless connection occurs when the vendor device enters a communication range with the purchaser device.

24. (previously added) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step for identifying user identity by providing at least one of:

- (i) a password; and
- (ii) a biometric input.